

STATE

✓ CALIFORNIA

COUNTY

Calaveras

TOWN OR VICINITY

Murphy's

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MONUMENT

Mitchler Hotel (murphy's Move) HABSI

REPRESENTED IN
NEGATIVE FILEH.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.
Cal 1109-History - The old Sperry Hotel,
more recently known as Mitchler'sPUBLISHED
PHOTOGRAPHSHotel, was built in 1855 by J. L. Sperry and
J. Perry, to accommodate increased travelPUBLISHED
DRAWINGSthrough Murphy's after Calaveras Big Trees
Grove was discovered by A. T. Dowd in 1852.Sperry & Perry owned the grove. Noted names
appear on the "Register", such as Mark Twain,
Henry Ward Beecher, Ulysses S. Grant, Horatio

BURNED 1859

HABSI

REBUILT OF STONE
(over)

Alger, Jr., & J. Pierpont Morgan & his wife. Description - 2-story hotel "constructed of rough quarried limestone chunks set in lime mortar." Tall, slender doors & windows with iron shutters & flattened arches above. Simple treatment of upper facade in Classical Rev. manner, with cast iron balustrade on 2nd fl. balcony facade. References - Wood, Coke, Calaveras & Land of Skulls, 1955, pp. 16-17; Weston, Otheto, Mother Lode Album, 1948, p. 84-5. Author of Card - H. E. Rensch, Historian, 2225 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California, July 1961.

State Guide says it was described in Bret
Hart's "Night in Winglam"